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SUBJECT: VISIT OF LARG AGRICULTURAL OFFICIALS TO U.S.

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1. BASHIR JODEH, CHAIRMAN OF LIBYA'S GREEN MOUNTAIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, VISITED EMBASSY MAY 20 STATING THAT MINISTER AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ABDEL-MAJID EL-GAUD WOULD BE UNABLE TRAVEL TO UNITED STATES IN NEAR FUTURE. HOWEVER, JODEH WILL BE ARRIVING IN LOS ANGELES O/A JUNE 15 WITH MOHAMMED SALEM, MANAGER BENGHAZI PLAIN PROJECT, AND WILL BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING MATTERS LISTED PARA 3 REFTEL. (GREEN MOUNTAIN AUTHORITY FARMS 112,000 HECTARES AND EMPLOYS 2,000 PERSONS.)

2. MINISTER WILL BE DEPARTING TRIPOLI JUNE 1 WITH JODEH AND SALEM AND WILL VISIT AUSTRALIA FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 DAYS AND NEW ZEALAND FOR TWO DAYS. VISIT THESE COUNTRIES WILL BE IN CONNECTION WITH SHEEP FARMING. FROM AUSTRALIA, JODEH AND SALEM WILL BE GOING TO UNITED STATES, EL-GAUD WILL BE RETURNING LIBYA.

3. JODEH AND SALEM WILL BE IN U.S. APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AND ASKED TO BE INTRODUCED TO COMPANIES SPECIALIZING IN SEEDS FOR DRY FARMING, SEED IMPROVEMENT IN GRASS, PASTURE AND LEGUMES, WHEAT, OATS AND
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BARLEY. HE WILL BE ARRANGING CONTRACTS FOR LARGE

PURCHASES HEAVY AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT AND REQUESTS
POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE MEETING COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES.

4. HE ASKED PARTICULAR ASSISTANCE IN PURCHASING
TREES AND GRASS SUITABLE FOR ANCHORING AND RE-
CLAIMING DESERT SOILS.

5. JODEH WILL TERMINATE U.S. VISIT IN WASHINGTON
WHERE HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET AGRICULTURE DEPT.
OFFICIALS AND DISCUSS CONTINUING PROCUREMENT PUB-
LICATIONS AND FILMS TO BE USED IN TRAINING LIBYAN
FARMERS.

6. JODEH ASKS THAT HE BE GIVEN A NAME OF AGRICUL-
TURE OR COMMERCE REPRESENTATIVE IN LOS ANGELES TO
WHOM HE COULD TELEGRAPH (FROM AUSTRALIA) HIS
ARRIVAL PLANS IN U.S. HE HOPED THIS REPRESENTATIVE
WOULD, UPON HIS ARRIVAL, BE PREPARED INFORM HIM
WHERE OTHER APPOINTMENTS COULD BE ARRANGED FOR HIM.

7. WE REQUEST INFORMATION PARA 6 BE PROVIDED US
PRIOR JODEH'S JUNE 1 DEPARTURE LIBYA.
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